



NEW FOREST & DISTRICT SAILABILITY

THE ROLE OF A VOLUNTEER

We aim to have a minimum of 10 people on duty:

- 2 for the safety boat
- 1 secretary of the day
- 5 to take people sailing in the double boats
- 2 on pontoon

Radios: We have 4. These should be carried by:

- Safety boat driver
- Secretary of the day
- Volunteer on pontoon duty
- A volunteer sailing

Morning shift should arrive at 09:15 am to rig the boats and put them on the water.

Check

1. Burgee
2. Sheets run correctly with figure of 8 knots
3. Reefing system is working properly
4. Long Pin in daggerboard
5. Steering system is functioning
6. Paddle in each boat
7. **Hoist:** Set up and check operation
8. The shed should be kept locked. (Petty pilfering has occurred in the past)

The volunteer's role is varied

1. Assist sailors with selecting and fitting buoyancy aids.
2. Help people into the boats and out again, possibly using the hoist.
3. Sailors who have difficulty walking should always be accompanied on the steps, ramps, lakeside and pontoons.
4. Wheel chairs: All people in wheelchairs should be accompanied by 2 volunteers on the pontoons. (Do not overload our grey pontoon.) **Electric wheel chairs may be operated ONLY by their owner or his/her personal assistant.**
5. Take people sailing. Sailors should be encouraged to reach their full potential, taking as active a part in controlling the boat as is possible.
6. All boats must be met as they return to the pontoon.
7. When a volunteer is not needed for a specific duty he/she should always be in a position where he/she can watch the lake and be prepared to go to the assistance of anyone in trouble.
8. Volunteers may sail the boats if they are not needed. He/she must clear it with the Safety boat driver first. Before you ask, look around you. Are there other volunteers available? Are there inexperienced people on the lake who might get into trouble – even on a beautiful day?
9. Racing: We are planning to introduce more formal racing this year. A competent volunteer must always accompany sailors.
10. The evening shift is responsible for putting the boats away, checking buoyancy aids, leaving the clubhouse clean, tidy, and locked up. The shed must also be locked.
11. We run a happy, friendly club. People pull their weight, go when and where they are needed, don't need direction. Let's keep it that way.